



# SMITHFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT

2014

*Smithfield Police Department, Virginia*  
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# 2014 MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

## 2014 Message from the Chief

It is my distinct honor and privilege to present the annual report of the Smithfield Police Department for the calendar year 2014. Although the report does contain numerous facts and figures, they only represent a small portion of story of the dedicated work of the professionals at the Smithfield Police Department.

In addition to our crime solving successes, we have been busy addressing the very important element of crime prevention. For the last eighteen months, the Smithfield Police Department, along with numerous dedicated community members have been working toward receiving the prestigious distinction of being named a Certified Crime Prevention Community. This certification, issued by the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, signals to all that the Town of Smithfield is engaged with its citizens, in a collaborative fashion, to prevent and deter crime. We are proud to announce that the Smithfield Police Department received this award this year. The Town of Smithfield is one of the smallest areas in population to achieve such a feat.

Numbers do not tell the story of the countless hours the members of your Smithfield Police Department spend on the streets in an effort to make our hometown a safe place to live and raise our children. What tells the real story is the ability of our citizens to walk the streets in an environment in which they feel safe and secure. It is the feeling that one is safe to visit our businesses, night or day. It is the ability of the parent to allow their children to play in neighborhoods as we did when we were young. Those are the intangibles that the members of the Smithfield Police Department dedicated their lives in achieving and we are proud to do it!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "St G Bowman". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Colonel Steven G. Bowman  
Chief of Police

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# MISSION STATEMENT

## Mission Statement

*The mission of this Department is to provide the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Smithfield a dynamic, responsive, professional police department that forms a partnership with the community in order to preserve law and order, achieve mutually beneficial goals and objectives, and provide security and safety services in the most efficient and effective manner.*

**Integrity**

**Honesty**

**Customer Service**

**Community Service**

**Dedication**

**Teamwork**



**Accountability**

**Trust**

**Positive Attitude**

**Respect**

**Commitment**

**Loyalty**

## MISSION STATEMENT

### Smithfield places # 9 in Virginia's Safest Cities

When the "Virginia Review" claims a community is "without a doubt one of the prettiest towns in Virginia" there's a good chance it has a lot to offer. That's just what has been said about Smithfield. Good schools, safe streets, affordable housing and a small town vibe are just a handful of reasons why Smithfield is not only beautiful, it's a great place to raise a family. A full schedule of parades, and other family oriented events only add to its appeal. Smithfield also recently opened Smithfield Center. This modern, fresh, state-of-the-art community and conference center is earning Smithfield lots of kudos and is the perfect outlet for a class reunion, wedding or corporate program.

It's clear Smithfield is looking to the future, but not at the expense of its past. In fact, it offers a well-recognized revitalized downtown, streets flaunting architecture dating back to the 1700 and 1800s, and has long been home to Fortune 500 Company Smithfield Foods, Inc. It was also one of the first 20 communities designated as a [Preserve America Community](#) thanks to its efforts to preserve its unique culture and heritage.

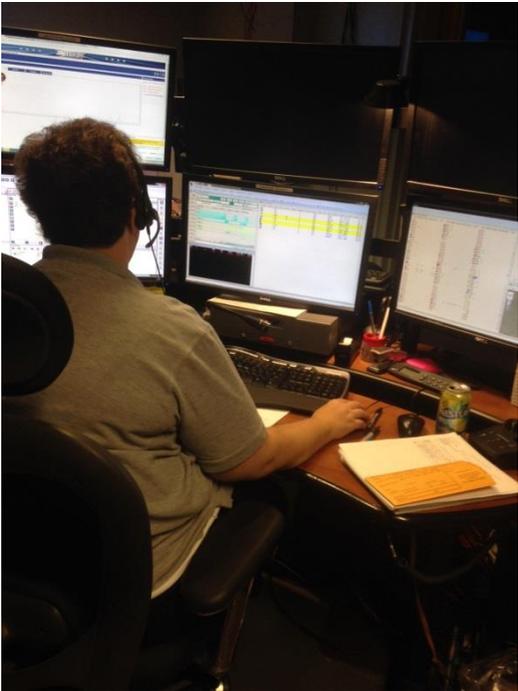
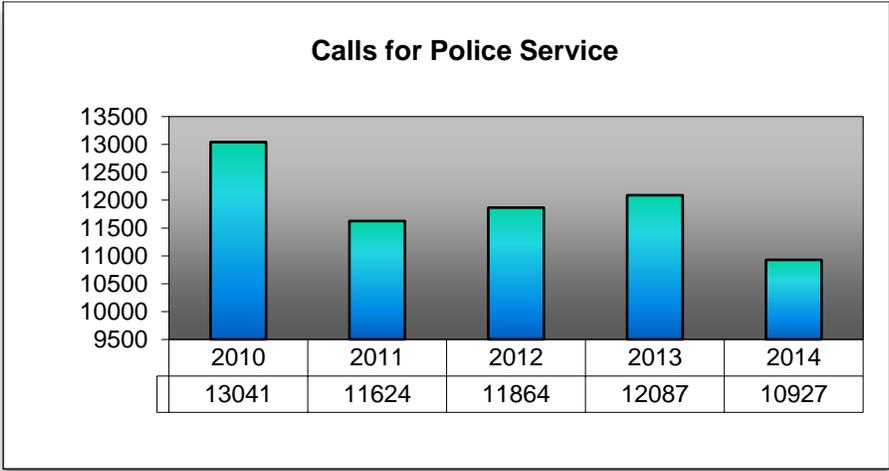
More than 260 years old and growing strong, our bet is Smithfield will entice you. When you make your home in [Smithfield](#), there's a 1 in 1,000 chance you or a loved one will be a victim of a violent crime and a 12 in 1,000 chance you or a loved one will be a victim of a property crime.



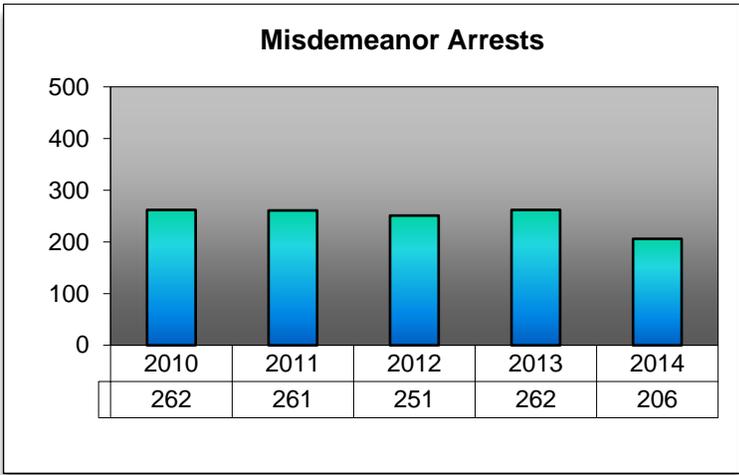
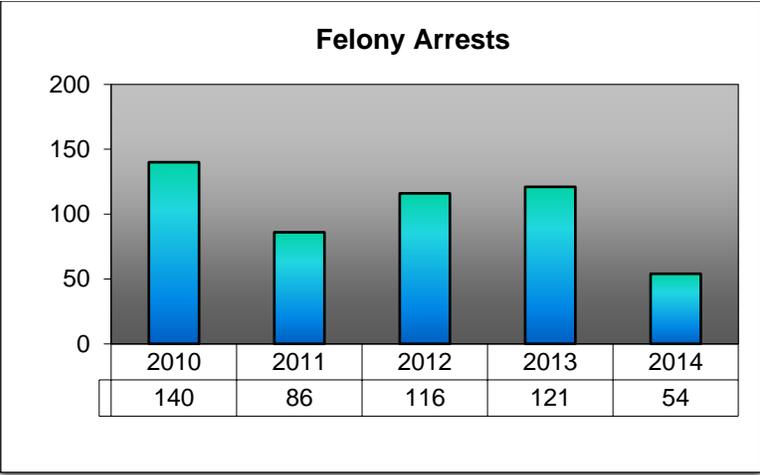
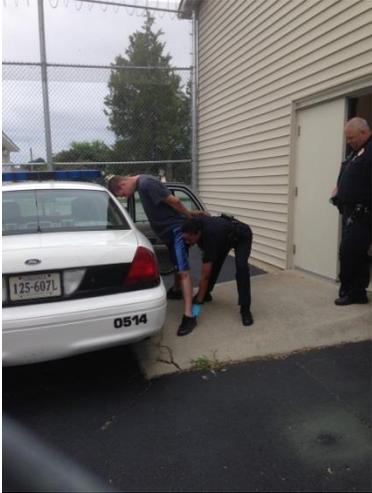
# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

## Department Statistics

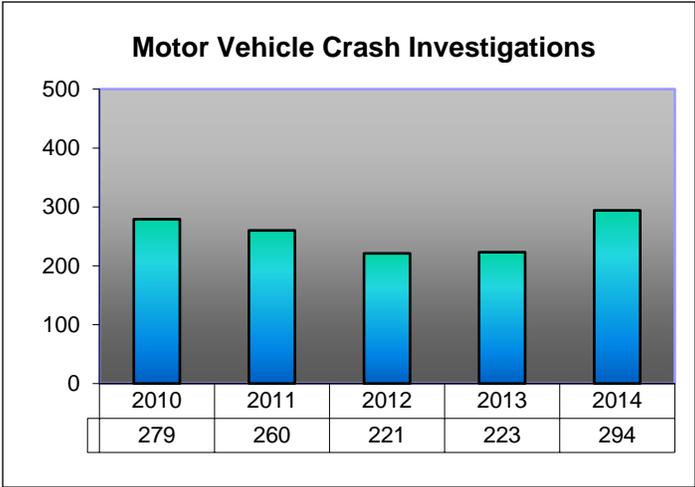
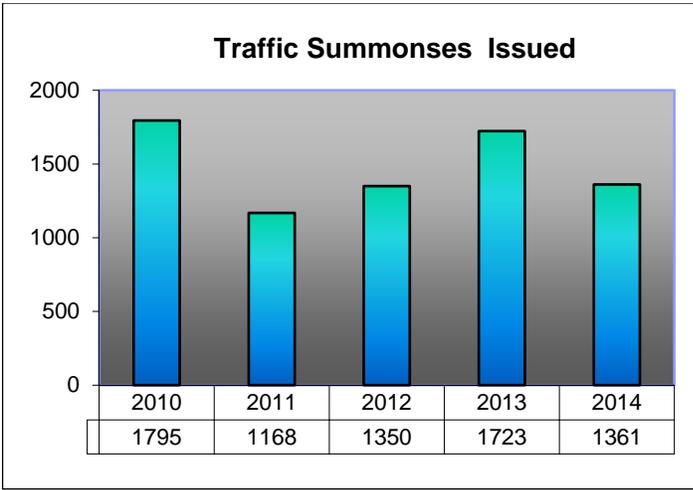
We show decrease of 10% in our calls for service. Felony arrests also decreased by 55% and Misdemeanor arrests decreased by 21%.



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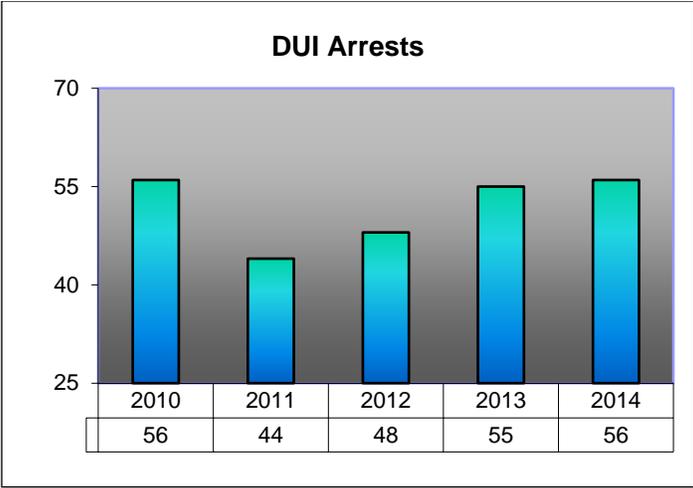


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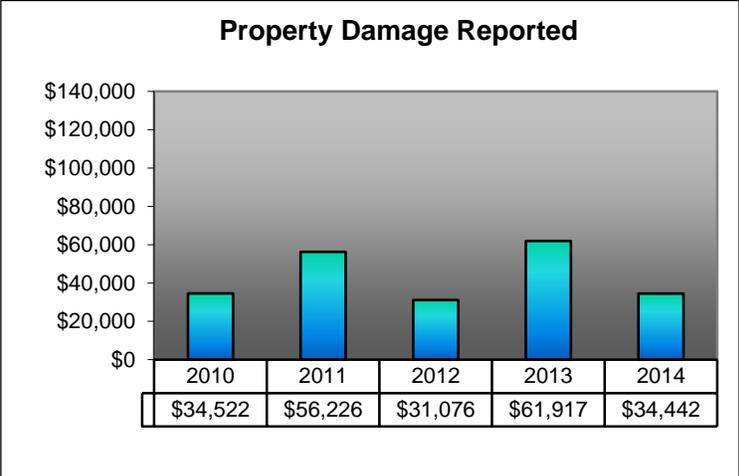


The number of traffic summonses issued **decreased by 21%**, and motor vehicle accidents investigated indicated an **increase of 32%**.

# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



DUI arrests have increased by 2%.

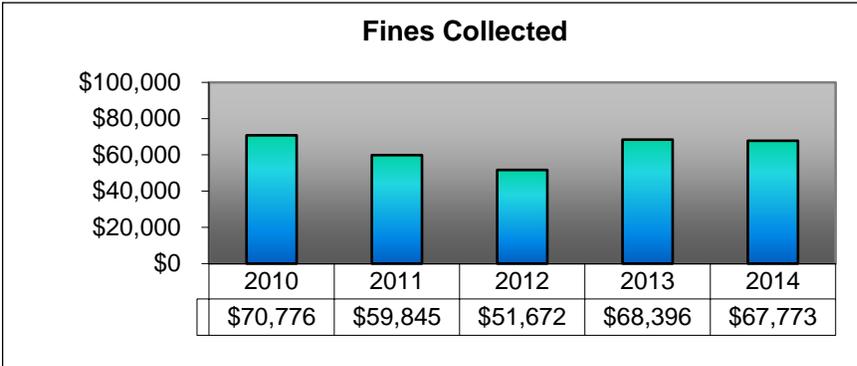


## DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Property Damage Reported **decreased by 44%**. Records also indicate an **increase of 9%** in Reported Stolen Property and an **increase of 38%** in Recovered Stolen Property.



# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



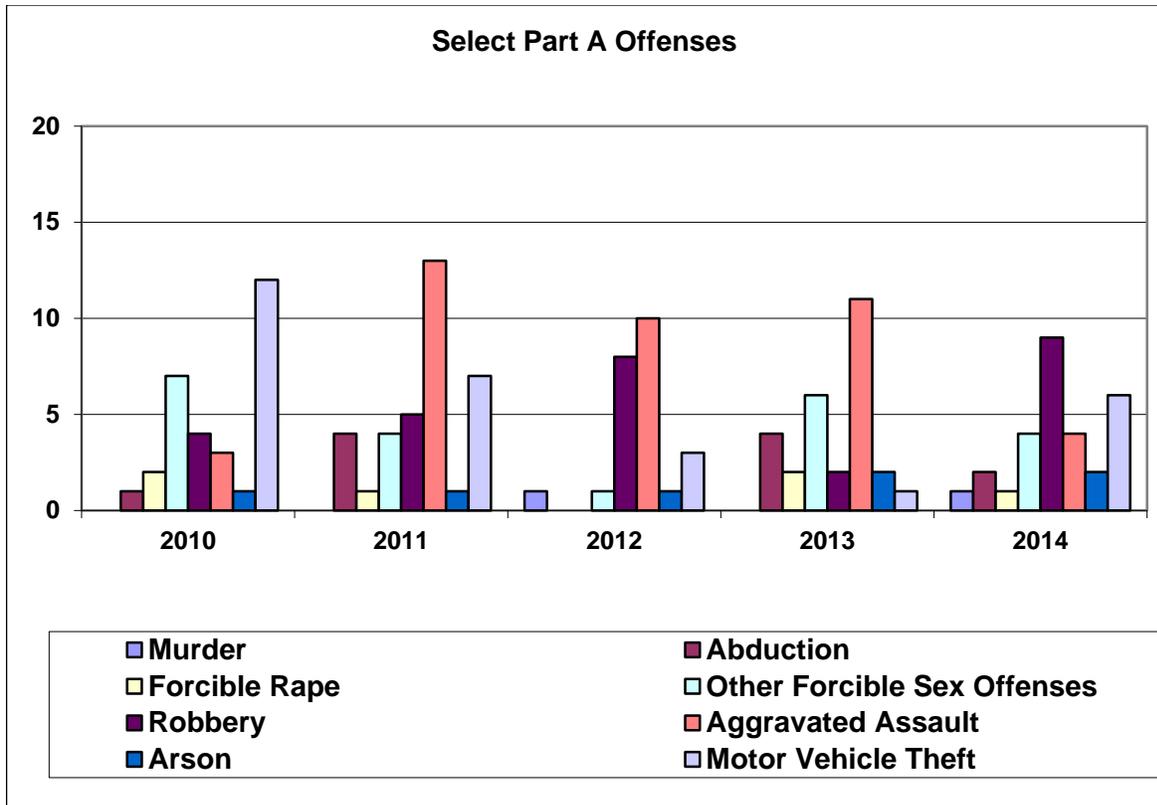
# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

## Group A Offenses

We have included significant criminal offenses that were reported to the Smithfield Police Department during the past year, and used built-in totals since 2009 for comparison. This synopsis is part of our IBR (Incident Based Reporting) report that we provide to the Commonwealth of Virginia. Both Select Part A and Select Part B are referred to as “Group A” offenses. It should be noted however, that these criminal incidents are not inclusive of all offenses reported to police. Offenses such as bad checks, disorderly conduct, DUI, public drunkenness, trespassing, and other misdemeanor offenses are not included in this report. They are referenced in “Group B” offenses and constitute a significant portion of incident reports taken by the Smithfield Police Department.

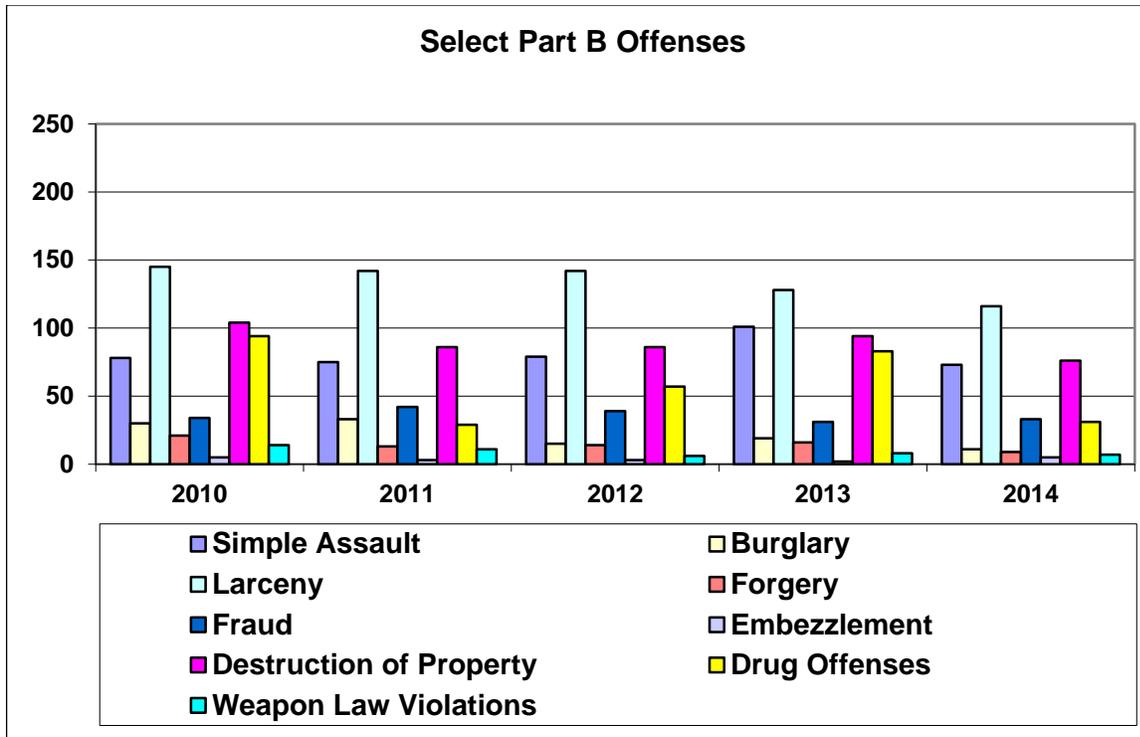


# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Murder	0	0	1	0	1
Abduction	1	4	0	4	2
Forcible Rape	2	1	0	2	1
Other Forcible Sex Offenses	7	4	1	6	4
Robbery	4	5	8	2	9
Aggravated Assault	3	13	10	11	4
Arson	1	1	1	2	2
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	7	3	1	6
<b>TOTAL SELECT PART A OFFENSES</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

# DEPARTMENT STATISTICS



	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
Simple Assault	78	75	79	101	73
Burglary	30	33	15	19	11
Larceny	145	142	142	128	116
Forgery	21	13	14	16	9
Fraud	34	42	39	31	33
Embezzlement	5	3	3	2	5
Destruction of Property	104	86	86	94	76
Drug Offenses	94	29	57	83	31
Weapon Law Violations	14	11	6	8	7
<b>TOTAL SELECT PART B OFFENSES</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>361</b>

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Department Highlights

### Greater Hampton Roads Regional Crime Line Top Cop Award

The Hampton Roads Crime Line's Board honors police officers and others who have demonstrated a commitment to a safer Hampton Roads community. These award recipients are leaders and role models for both their peers and their community. Nominations for these awards come from law enforcement agencies, civic leaders, key individuals, and hundreds of business leaders throughout the Hampton Roads area. To qualify the nominee must:

- Reside in Hampton Roads
- Exhibit a high level of personal achievement
- Demonstrate exemplary leadership skills
- Have had a positive impact on the Hampton Roads Community



Officer Eric Phillips was selected as the 2014 Top Cop for the Smithfield Police Department. Officer Phillips has distinguished himself as deserving of this award by his diligent and unfailing service to the businesses and citizens of this community through outreach and proactive traffic enforcement measures.

In addition to his proactive police work, Officer Phillips consistently maintains a positive demeanor that tends to be infectious around other officers. He is willing to help his fellow officers and exemplifies all the positive traits of a Top Cop.

While many state dignitaries were present, the real heroes of the evening were the law enforcement officers and private citizens and organizations receiving recognition for their contributions to making neighborhoods and businesses a safer place to live and work.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### Translator and Interpreter

The Smithfield Police Department is fortunate that one of its officers is a former Spanish teacher. Officer Danelle Wright serves as both a translator and interpreter, in addition to her regular patrol duties. As a translator, she converts written documents from one language into another. In contrast, as an interpreter, she transacts with spoken languages, listening to, understanding and memorizing the content in the original or 'source' language and then reproduces statements and questions in a different 'target' language. Officer Wright is available to translate for the Police Department, the Town of Smithfield, the Isle of Wight Sheriff's Office, the Virginia State Police, and any other agency that has a legitimate need of her services. She was called upon numerous times in 2014 by fellow officers who requested her assistance.



## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### MADD Awards



**Officer David Adams**



**Officer Daniel Fordham**

MADD honors law enforcement officers from across Virginia at eight regional Law Enforcement Awards Ceremonies. Officers are honored for their outstanding work on DUI enforcement and related prevention initiatives, education and training. The awards highlight the lifesaving work of law enforcement officers including Sobriety Checkpoints, Saturation Patrols, specialized DUI enforcement training, prevention efforts of school resource officers and DUI arrests. This year two officer's from the Smithfield Police Department were recognized for DUI arrests: Officer David Adams and Officer Daniel Fordham both had 10 DUI arrest for 2014, the most in the department. This is the third year in a row that Officer David Adams has been recognized for his DUI arrest efforts. Thanks to both for a job well done!



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Community Relations

The Smithfield Police Department welcomes every opportunity to provide a positive interaction between the citizens of Smithfield and our police officers. We continue to actively support and promote the Community Help In Progress (CHIP) program by working in unison with local community leaders to discuss current issues and to provide healthy activities for local children. CHIP has continued to be a huge success and welcomes participation from all interested persons within Smithfield and the Isle of Wight County. Several events were also sponsored that have united our Police Department with the Smithfield community. These activities included:

- 4-H camp in Wakefield, Virginia
- Kiwanis fishing trip at Buckroe Beach Pier
- Halloween on Main Street
- Kiwanis Breakfast with Santa at the Smithfield Center
- Homework Station, Jersey Park Apartments Community Room
- National Night Out on Main Street
- Smithfield Community Crime Prevention Team
- Officer ride alongs
- Pop Warner Football
- Police Department tours – Boy Scouts, Brownies, West Side Elementary Safety Patrol, Isle of Wight Academy Preschool



**POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Crime Prevention

In 2014, through the hard work and dedication of the Smithfield Community Crime Prevention Team and the Smithfield Police Department, the Chairman of the Virginia Department of Central Justice Services Board awarded the Town of Smithfield the distinction of becoming the thirteenth, and smallest, municipality in the Commonwealth of Virginia to become a Certified Crime Prevention Community. The program is designed to foster the development of community safety initiatives at the local level and to implement a defined set of community safety strategies that are part of a comprehensive community safety/crime prevention determination. One of the first of its kind in the nation, the program requires the Town of Smithfield to continually meet the 12 core community safety elements/strategies and a minimum of seven approved optional elements to maintain certification. These elements include:



- Crime Prevention Newsletter "The Thin Blue Line"
- A DCJS certified Crime Prevention Specialist
- Neighborhood Watch Program
- Community Policing/Crime Control Program
- Organized distribution of safety literature
- Law enforcement agency must be accredited
- TRIAD
- Gun Safety program
- Interagency Code Enforcement
- Domestic Violence Program
- Designation of staff trained to conduct community safety assessments
- Existence of a local crime and safety coalition
- Functional crime analysis capability
- Comprehensive school safety audit process
- Business Outreach (Watch) Program
- On-site victim/witness services program
- Delinquency Prevention Program
- The National Night Out
- HEAT

Smithfield Police Department provides the following free programs:

- Avoid Scams Training
- Bank Robbery Training
- Child is Missing
- Bike Registration
- Bike Rodeo
- Business Assessments
- TRIAD
- Child Car Seat Installation
- Safe Halloween
- Gun locks
- HEAT Program
- Home Security Assessments
- ID Theft Training
- Internet Safety Training
- Investment Fraud Training
- Lock Box Program
- Neighborhood Watch
- Personal Safety Training

# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Specialized Units

Throughout 2014, the specialized units of the Smithfield Police Department maintained close ties with regional law enforcement entities and participated in several joint-jurisdictional events.

The primary responsibility of the Smithfield Police Department Motor Unit is the reduction of traffic related incidents within the Town through RADAR enforcement. The Motorcycle Unit not only patrolled the streets of Smithfield, it was called upon to participate in presidential escorts, funerals, parades and festivals throughout Hampton Roads. To qualify for the Unit, officers must pass a rigorous selection process that includes an 80 hour Police Motorcycle Operators Course. Once selected, members participate in regional motor training, honing their high speed, low speed and precision riding skills.

The Marine Patrol Unit primary operation is ensuring compliance of rules and regulations on the waterways within the town limits. The Unit assisted the United States Coast Guard (USCG) by locating and rendering aid to a boater in distress on the James River, prior to it being towed by the Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Unit provided security on the Pagan River for the Town of Smithfield's 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks celebration, Olden Days maritime events, Annual Smithfield Wine and Brew Fest, and summer patrols.

The primary mission of the Emergency Response Team (ERT) is the entry and securing of specified locations as a result of executing an arrest or search warrant in anticipated situations of violence, when a hostage or barricade situation exists, an unusually dangerous environment, or circumstances exist that would dictate the immediate entry of a location for the protection of life. In 2014, the team executed several warrants and assisted other jurisdictions in other tactical operations. In addition, the ERT members performed thorough training in simulated intense situations to enhance team readiness.



# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Training

During 2013, all members of the Smithfield Police Department received required in-service training mandated by the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Several members of the department also received specialized training as noted below:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Gang Conference
  - Accreditation Conference
  - Actionable Intelligence Workshop
  - Active Shooter Tabletop
  - Advanced Supervision and Management
  - Agroterrorism Conference
  - AR-15/M-16 Armorer Course
  - Active Shooter Level 1 Train the Trainer
  - Basic Public Information Officer
  - Bias Based Policing
  - Conducting Administrative Investigations
  - Crime Prevention Specialist Recert
  - Cultural Diversity
  - DMV Grant Writing
  - Emergency Response Team
  - Ethical Decision Making
  - Excell 2010 Introduction
  - FBI Academy
  - FBINAA VA Chapter State Conference
  - Federal Constitutional Law Review/Update
  - Federal Equitable Sharing
  - Firearms Instructor
  - Firearms Qualification
  - Fundamentals of Crash Investigation and Reconstructions
  - General Instructor Recert
  - General Instructor School
  - Glock Armorer's Course
  - Honor Guard Training
  - Hostage Barricade Tactical Training
  - Human Performance in Force Encounters
  - Identity Theft
  - Incident Base Reporting Level 1
  - International Association of Chief's of Police
  - Interviews and Interrogations
  - Intoxilizer School Initial/Recert
  - Law Enforcement and the Constitution, Principles, Theory and Practice
  - Leadership Institute
  - LIVESCAN
  - Mental Health First Aid
  - Officer Involved Shooting
  - Outlaw Motorcycle Gang
  - Police Bicycle Training
  - Police Boat Training
  - Police Motorcycle School
  - Police Motorcycle Training
  - Property and Evidence Management
  - Radar Operator Initial and Recert
  - Safe Kids (child seat training)
  - Shenandoah Valley Multidisciplinary Conference
  - Sunguard Records Management Conference
  - Tactical Community Policing for Homeland Security Instructor Development Program
  - Tactical Team Breacher
  - The Reid Technique of Interviewing and Interrogation
  - VA 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Basic Victim Assistance Academy
  - VCIN Recert
  - Virginia Law Update
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# DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Grants

The Smithfield Police Department eagerly researches grant opportunities and applies for law enforcement assistance grants. Grants can be obtained from many different agencies for a wide variety of equipment. In the 2014 grant process, the following actions occurred:

- Grants awarded
  - DMV Highway Safety Grant
    - Selective Enforcement (Speed) - \$8,500
    - Selective Enforcement (Occupant Protection) - \$2,250
  - Virginia Chiefs of Police Association
    - Body Armor Grant - \$15,000
  - JAG Assistance Grant - \$2,600



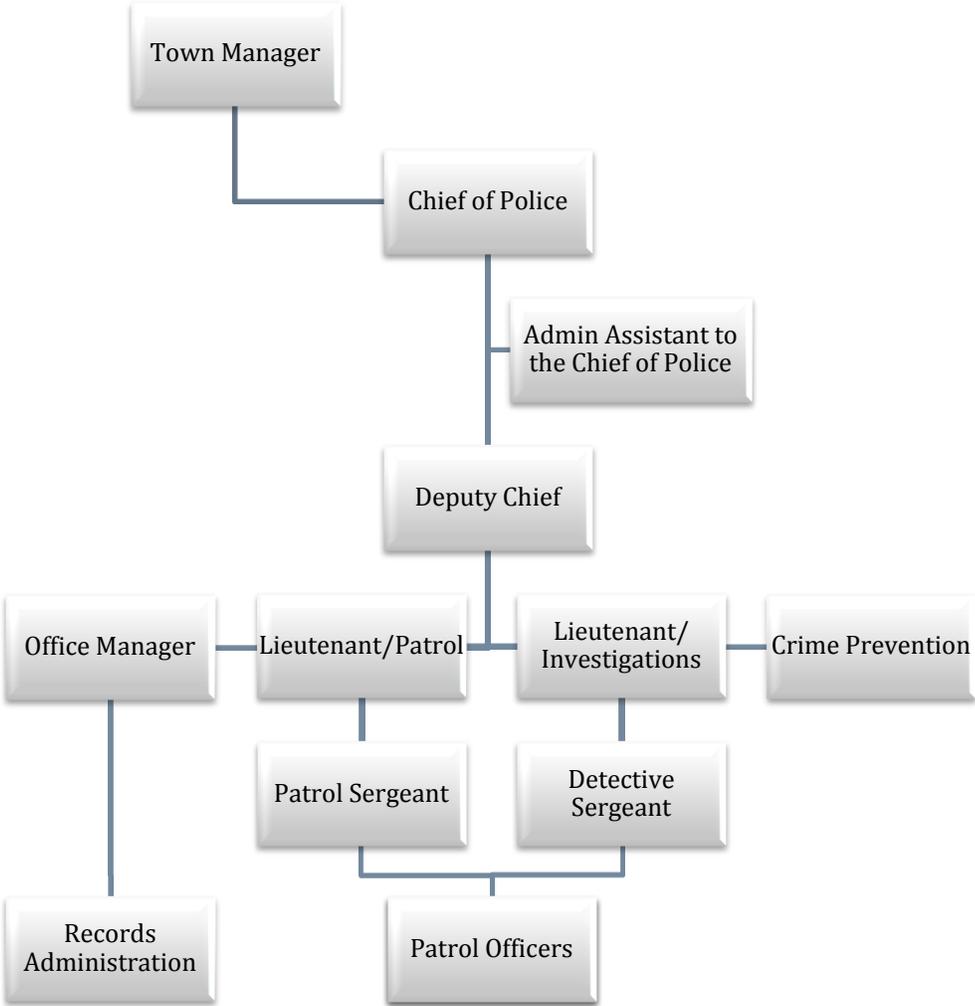
## Highway Safety Grants

Every year, the Smithfield Police continued its commitment to improving highway safety. The department received grant funding from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in the amount of **\$10,750**. The funding provides overtime pay for participation in the National Checkpoint Strikeforce campaign which targets impaired drivers and the Click It or Ticket campaign which focuses on occupant protection and seatbelt usage.



# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## Organizational Chart



# DEPARTMENT STAFF

## Department Staff



Chief of Police  
Steven G. Bowman



Deputy Chief  
Alonzo Howell

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# DEPARTMENT STAFF

## Investigative Division



Lieutenant  
Patrick Valdez



Detective Sergeant  
Christopher Meier

# DEPARTMENT STAFF

## Patrol Division



Lieutenant  
Matthew Rogers

## Patrol Sergeants



Bryan Miller



Thomas Jones



Patrick Araojo



Donald Brady

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# DEPARTMENT STAFF

## Patrol Officers



Clay Seamster



Edmund Cook



David Adams



Joshua Powell



Eric Phillips



Daniel Fordham

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# DEPARTMENT STAFF

## Patrol Officers



Nicole Anderson



Danelle Wright



Samuel Johnson



Joshua Adams



Paul Bancroft

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# DEPARTMENT STAFF

## Support Staff



Kristi Jenkins  
Office/Accreditation Manager



Annette Crocker  
Secretary to the Chief of Police



Lorrie Porter  
Records Administration



Amanda Weihe  
Records Administration



Kurt Beach  
Crime Prevention

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